

EDC Meeting Minutes 10/03/2007

Hopkinton Economic Development Committee
October 3, 2007
Draft Meeting Minutes

Members present: Judy Hampe, Chair, Susan Leadbeater, Bruce Ellsworth, Chris Lawless, John Herrick, Mark Bates, Scott Flood.

Minutes of the last meeting, September 19, 2007, approved.

Mr. Flood distributed various mappings of the properties on Maple St. Discussion continued on possible access alternatives from Maple St to the Burnham Intervale properties. A report on ownership/management of the Rice property was discussed with Ron Klemarzyck and Lee Wilder of the Hopkinton Conservation Commission. It was clarified that the Town of Hopkinton owns the land and Five Rivers Conservation Trust manages it. The members of the Conservation Commission pointed out that the taxpayers had agreed to purchase the property for conservation, and it would probably not be appropriate to use this land for highway development.

Discussion then centered on use of the old railroad bed that formerly existed on a slope between Kast Hill and the Hopkinton Dam in West Hopkinton. The committee asked that a member of the committee identify the names of abutters that would be involved in establishing a road that would go from Routes 9 and 202 along the west side of the Hopkinton dam, and connect up with Clement Hill Rd. and the former railroad bed as far as the Intervale properties. Mr. Herrick agreed to try to clarify ownership of the former railroad bed. In additions there were concerns about the proximity to the river, and the floodplain involvement. Mr. Carr will further explore possible impact in this area. Mr. Bates agreed to determine an approximate cost for this project.

Mr. Lawless offered to familiarize the committee with any Exit 7 options. In order to expedite any proposals, it was agreed that the committee should meet in 2 weeks to further discuss any new information presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan R. Leadbeater, member

Next meeting October 17, 2007 at 7:00 at the Hopkinton Town Hall

These minutes are unofficial until approved at the next EDC meeting on 10/17/07